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Transactions at Fortuna Werk, Suhl in November 1950

1. The reconditioning of 500 Sauer & Sohn (now Fortuna Werk, Suhl) pistols, 7.65 caliber, was completed on 20 November 1950. Of these, 390 were the new model, and 110 the old model.
2. Six hundred pistols, 7.65 caliber, were being reconditioned as of November 1950.
3. Five hundred and seventy machine guns, model 34, were being manufactured. These are packed six per case.
4. On 10 November 1950, one railroad car, loaded with binoculars of all sizes and periscopes, was dispatched to an unknown destination.
5. On 21 November 1950, one railway car was loaded with 28 cases containing "anti-tank weapons" and dispatched from the plant on 23 November 1950.
6. On 27 November 1950, the entire store of machine gun spare parts was inventoried by eight German civilians under a Russian officer and turned over to the civilians. The spare parts were moved to an unknown location at the end of the work day.

Planned Production of the VEBs at Suhl for 1951

7. The Fortuna Werk, Merkel-Jagdwaaffenfabrik, Jagdgewehr-und Lehnrbau, and Ernst-Thälmann Werk are to produce the following shotguns and rifles during 1951:

Double-barrel shotguns: 15,000 - 18,000

Double-barrel shotguns with a third rifle barrel: 2,000

Rifles (caliber not stated): 20,000

8. It was originally planned that these factories were to produce 5,000 double-barrel shotguns, with a third rifle barrel, and 57,000 rifles. The present program will utilize only half their capacity.

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